

Bishopshalt Operatic and Drama Society 2015

CABARET



Our 2015 Production
is...

3rd-5th December 2015

The Plot...

- At the dawn of the 1930s in Berlin, the Nazi party is growing stronger.
- The Kit Kat Klub is a seedy Cabaret, a place of decadent celebration run by The Klub's Master of Ceremonies, or Emcee, together with the Cabaret girls and waiters.
- Within it's walls we witness a raft of unique individuals as they come to terms with the rapidly changing way of life





The idea behind the
show

Male cast members

Master of Ceremonies (Emcee)
(Tenor) A bizarre, absurd compere who leads the show. Must be extremely confident, be able to sing, dance and act to an extremely high standard

Must be able to sing from C to top A flat



Male cast members

Clifford Bradshaw (Tenor) - Charming, young and a dreamer. Talented writer. Teaches English to Ernst Ludwig. Romantically involved with Sally. Must be able to sing C to top F

Ernst Ludwig - A German man who befriends Cliff when he arrives in Berlin, later revealed to be a Nazi

Herr Schultz (Tenor) - An elderly Jewish fruit shop owner who falls in love with Fraulein Schneider. Must be able to sing E flat up to top A flat



Female cast members - must be able to sing E2-E4 in range

Sally Bowles - The headlining British singer at the *Kit Kat Klub*. Must be extremely confident, and be able to sing, dance and act to an extremely high standard. Flighty, flirtatious and promiscuous. Romantic interest of Cliff.

Fraulein Schneider (Alto)- An older woman who runs the boarding house that Cliff and Sally live in.

Fraulein Kost - A prostitute who rents in Fraulein Schneider's boarding house. Comic role.

Two Ladies - Two dancers who perform with the Emcee in a cheeky number

The Kit Kat Klub Girls

The Kit Kat Girls - a group of 8 female dancers who work in the Kit Kat Club and support the acts. Must be able to act and sing to a high standard



Groups

- **Patrons of the Kit Kat Club-** A large group of people to inhabit the Kit Kat Club
- **German Sailors -** A group who are frequently seen with Fraulein Kost

Other roles

- *Customs Officer*
- *Gorilla (ballet skill/no singing required for this role)*
- *Bartenders*
- *Max - Owner of the Kit Kat Klub*

Ensemble

Choir - 3-, 4- & 6-part harmony singers, both on & off stage - ability to dance a plus, but not required.

Dancers - Several big dance numbers in the show - any combination of the following skills are a plus: gymnastics, line-dancing, leaps, splits. Ability to sing desired, but not required.



Gala Night

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Interval and Opening Numbers

- The vision is to create the feeling of the Hall being a Cabaret Club
- To aid this, each night we will have performances occurring before the show and during the interval
- These performances are not limited to people performing in the show



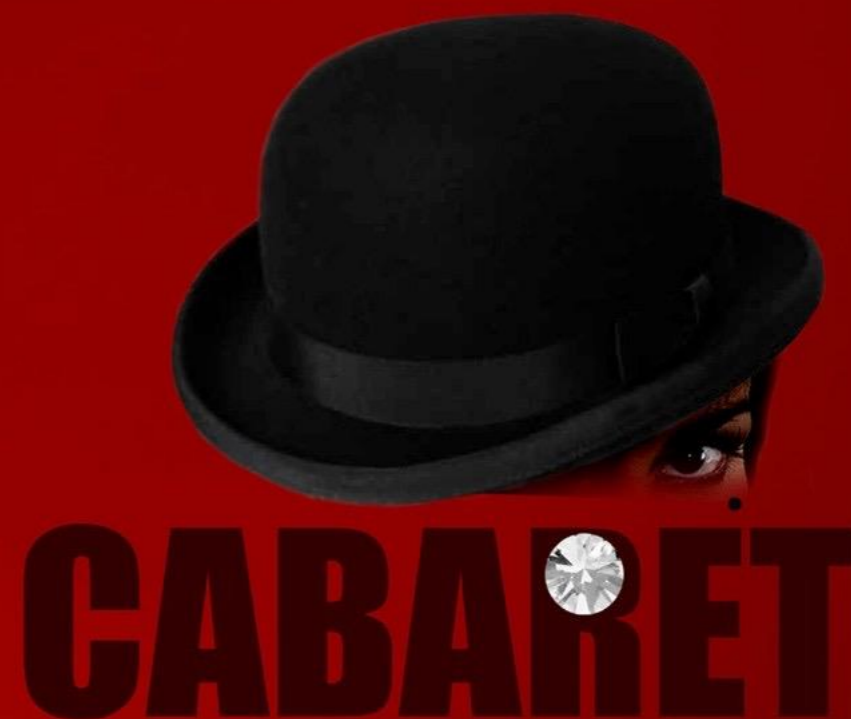
The Auditions

All audition material can be found in the Shared Area - BODS- Cabaret - Auditions and on the school website, BODS area

Monday next week - Vocal Workshop

Tuesday next week - Dance workshop

There will be practice sessions on **Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th** **September**, with the audition being on **Friday the 4th** after school in the Hall



The Auditions - Dance

Company

Everyone will be expected to learn and perform *Wilkommen* in groups

Remember dancers, your face needs to be as alive as your body!

Kit Kat Klub Girls

If you are auditioning for a Kit Kat Klub Girl you also need to learn the dance to *Don't Tell Momma*

The Auditions - Singing

Men

First 24 bars of *Willkommen*

Women

Up to Bar 62 of *Cabaret*

Company

Up to Bar 18 of *Tomorrow Belongs to Me*

This is a show about performance, so just like the dancing, it must be expressive and in character

Auditions (Acting) All the better if you learnt it!

- You will perform a short duologue – perform in the style of the character you are going for.
- Do some research into the character over summer - there are lots of version of Cabaret around
- Section to learn:
 - **Two males**: Ernst and Cliff in Act 1, Scene 2
 - **Two female**: Schneider and Kost
 - **Male and female**: Sally and Cliff meeting

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See you next week...
We start in September!

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